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EDITORIAL

.....THE EVOLUTION OF A KNOCK.....

This is a little story about the magnification of a knock, given in the Washington Star.

Edward Tubbs lives happily with his wife in a large flat house up on 'Teenth street. He is a man who behaves himself prettynigh all the time. He never was a clip or a cut-up. He's been married for ten years and his wife thinks a whole lot of him—because, he's good to her, for one reason. One night last week Edward Tubbs attended a stag dinner. His wife was glad to have him attend the dinner, because he hardly ever goes out without her, and she believes that a man ought to be allowed to herd with his kind once in a while.

It was a bully dinner and there was all kinds of fun. Tubbs didn't sidestep any of the wines as they came along. After the dinner he, with a bunch of pals, adjourned to a hotel palm room, where they tucked away a few highballs, and talked things over.

Edward Tubbs arrived at the entrance to his flat-house shortly after midnight, feeling pretty good. He wasn't even pickled in miniature, but he felt comfortable. In the hall he met several couples just returning from the theater. He passed a few remarks with them and then went upstairs to his flat and turned in.

The above is the actual whiciness of what really happened.

Now, if Washington is a town where news circulates rapidly, the flat houses of Washington are plants where the dissemination of gos—er—news is all but magical in its swift-ness.

So, in the progress of two days the case of Edward Tubbs was built up around that flat house in about the following way:

1—Edward Tubbs had come home soused.

2—Edward Tubbs, bunned to the limit, had been brought home by a friendly cop.

3—Edward Tubbs, orrey-eyed and in a fighting humor, had been brought home in a cab by a cop, and had raised a disturbance in front of the flat house and had got a wallop on the jaw.

4—Tubbs—didn't he hear it?—had got all stewed up down town, and had been picked up by a cop who knew him and brought home in a push-cart, and in front of the flat house he'd got mussy with the cop and the cop had back-heeled him and sat upon him for ten minutes, while a crowd of people looked on.

5—That awful Mister Tubbs—did you ever notice how dissipated he looks?—had come home frightfully intoxicated, mercy on us, and was trying to beat the elevator man to death with an iron rod when a couple of policemen rushed in and Mister Tubbs, fighting like a maniac, tried to kill them, too, and they had to knock him down and sit on him, the two of them, while he howled at the top of his lungs, and wasn't it dreadful and how his poor wife is to be pitied, land sakes alive!

6—That Tubbs guy—y' know, that big, smooth-faced dub that goes swagging around here as if he owned the earth—well, he showed himself up, all right. Got pinched down town for trying to get fresh with a cop and had to leave collateral at No. 1, and then a cop brought him home in a wheelbarrow, and out in front of the flat house Tubbs, imagining he was strong, suddenly kicked the cop in the stomach, and the cop pulled his club and pounded two or three pieces of Tubbs' head, and now Tubbs is laid up with a broken jaw.

7—Did you ever in all your born days? But I knew all the time that that Tubbs person was leading a double life. He has the look of a man who drinks hard, and—well, I know what I'd do if I were his wife; 'deed I do! He's a nice kind of a person to have around in a nice flat house, isn't he? They say he is howling with delirium tremens now. The miserable wretch!

8—Queer gag about that Tubbs fellow, ain't it? As soon as he gets a few under his surcingle, it seems, he wants to tear the teeth out of piano-movers and people like that, but he got in bad, in trying to put it on the four cops who brought him home the

other night, after he'd been pinched twice down town for scrapping. They didn't do a thing to Tubbs. I'm told all of his front teeth were knocked out, and he's going to lose the sight of one of his eyes, they say. Well, that's the kind of stuff that happens to these ducks that think they're the strong ones when they h'ist a few long ones in. It's a wonder Tubbs wouldn't get hep to himself. Bully-looking little wife, and they're saying his behavior has put her down and out.

9—Did you hear about the Tubbses? They've been ordered out of this apartment house by the agent. Yaas, indeed, the agent heard all about that vulgar Mister Tubbs' frightful conduct here when it took five policemen to quiet him down—he tried to shoot the policeman, you know, and they had an awful time taking his two revolvers away from him. Well, the agent heard about it, of course, but it does seem to me that we are lucky in having an agent who can see things right.

10—Well, Mrs. Tubbs has announced, I hear, that she is going to leave her husband and go back to her folks just as soon as he is able to sit up. She is so disgusted with him that she won't even nurse him, and she has engaged a trained nurse to take care of him. He's in a horrible condition, and sits up in bed, howling for whisky at the top of his lungs, all the time. They say that he has the worst case of delirium tremens anybody ever heard of. Mrs. Tubbs, I hear, just sits by the window, crying her eyes out, the poor dear. I'd be real fond of the poor little thing, only I just can't get used to a woman that's forever dyeing her hair that painty red; 'deed I can't.

11—Funny kind of junk enters a fellow's head when he's spifflicated, hey? I heard down town today that the Tubbs gazoob who started the rough house with the cops and got his face pushed in, was caught trying to set fire to a hotel filled with women and children. He didn't have any grudge against the hotel, it seems, but he was sused up and wanted to start something and they caught him, I'm told, in the act of setting fire to the plant. They didn't press any complaint against him, for the head clerk knew him, but Tubbs got pinched three different times before he got home for kicking up different kind of fusses. Tried to beat an aged man over the head with a cane, grabbed a little boy by the hair of the head and mopped up the sidewalk with him, and finally threw a bottle through a bar mirror. Should think a guy that the old stuff lights up like that would flag it, wouldn't you?

12—Met a fellow today who said he saw Tubbs pickled up to the top of his hair over in Baltimore a few weeks ago. That's Tubbs' system, it seems—jumping out of town when he wants to get smudged up. But he forgot to make his getaway this time, and that's how all hands got next to him. I understand the elevator man is going to make a complaint against Tubbs for assault with a deadly weapon—you know Tubbs tried to shoot the elevator man when he was brought home in a wheelbarrow by those seven cops. He's pretty liable to do about three months, for the police court judges in this town are mighty severe on them gun-flashers.

13—They say it wasn't booze alone, but drugs, that made Tubbs so crazy. D'ye know, that fellow always looked like a coker to me? He's got the eyes of a man who snuffs cocaine. Etc., etc., etc., etc., etc., etc.

Although Edward Tubbs hasn't missed a minute from his office and is wholly unconscious of all this seethe about him in his flat house, he is nevertheless aware that he egts the aslant gaze as he rides up and down in his flat house elevator, and he wonders why it is that folks living in flat houses always seem so sulky.

Mutual Sense of Humor.

"How are you getting on with your titled son-in-law?"
"Better," answered Mr. Cumrox.
"We are both getting so we don't feel so much like laughing every time we see each other."—Washington Star

Colfax County's Coal Resources

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road connections with the A. T. & S. F. R. R., the new railroad will form another outlet for the product of these mines in touch with new markets. This company is also opening another extensive coal mine at Koehler, south of the Van Houten mines.

The Yankee Fuel company, and associated companies, is opening a very extensive field upon Johnson and Barla mesas. The coal from this field has been much sought after for many years for domestic use, but the production was much restricted by lack of transportation facilities. The problem of transportation for the product of these mines has now been solved by the building of the Santa Fe, Raton & Eastern railroad, which is now in constant operation hauling coal from the Yankee mines. The Santa Fe, Raton & Eastern connects with the A. T. & S. F. R. R. at Raton. Two other railroads are under construction to give a direct outlet to new markets for the production of the Yankee mines. These new railroads are the Santa Fe, Raton & Des Moines railroad, which will connect with the Colorado & Southern at Des Moines, N. Mex., and the Santa Fe, Liberal & Englewood railroad, also under construction, will have a length of 231 miles, connecting with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, at Liberal, Kansas, and with the A. T. & S. F. R. R. at Englewood, Kansas, and running thence to Woodward, Oklahoma, opening new markets for the products of these mines.

Coal mining is destined to become one of the chief industries of New Mexico, and it is safe to say that within the next five years it will have made a strong race for first place as to value of production. At the present time fuel oil from the oil wells of California and Texas is replacing coal upon the railroads of California, Arizona and Texas, to the almost complete exclusion of coal, and to some extent for manufacturing purposes. The demand for New Mexico coal has thus been lessened to the extent of 1,000,000 tons per annum, approximately. On the other hand, the mines have not been fully equipped and developed, nor have the transportation facilities been adequate to supply the demand during the fall and winter months when the consumption of coal is greatest. Coke from Eastern states and from England has been used at the smelters of Arizona and Mexico, because of the lack of facilities for production of coke at the mines of New Mexico. All these obstacles and hindrances now seem certain of being remedied within a few years upon the completion of new railroad connections and the construction of the many new coke ovens now under way. The manufacture of coke will largely increase the output from the coal mines and give employment to many more people. Continued development of the resources of California and the Pacific coast states, as well as New Mexico, Arizona and Old Mexico, will insure an increased demand and permanent market for New Mexico coal on a scale of greater magnitude than most people foresee. Nor can the influence of the Panama canal, when completed, be overlooked. Through the harbors of California vast tonnages will be transported via the canal, and the New Mexico fields will furnish the nearest available coal supply for the vessels engaged in this traffic.

During the past three years many shipments of coal were made from the Colfax county mines to various points in Oklahoma and Kansas, the New Mexico coal being preferred to the product of mines closer to these markets, and New Mexico coal commanded a sufficiently higher price to compensate for the difference in cost of transportation on the longer haul from New Mexico mines. This will indicate a good future market in that direction for the coal from this territory, when the new railroads, now under construction, are completed and the haul shortened, leaving a better margin for both the coal mine operator and the railroad transporting the product to these new markets. Favored by location, near the markets of old Mexico, Texas, Arizona and California, as well as the local demand, in all of which markets New Mexico coal is protected from competitors by reason of distance of other mines from these markets, New Mexico is thus assured of a good market for its great coal resources.

For extent of area, thickness of coal seams, good roof and floor, absence of gas, freedom from heaving bottom, absence of water, which if present, would necessitate powerful pumps; in fact, for all favorable conditions which go to make up a desirable coal producing field, Colfax county is far ahead of any in America, and consequently the coal fields can be more profitably operated.

The Colfax county coal field embraces an area covering a total length

of about 45 miles, with an average width of 12 miles, or an area of 540 square miles—345,600 acres. There are several coal seams in this field, two of which have been exploited and show an average thickness of 6 feet each. Basing the estimate of coal in this field upon one vein only, and offsetting the other by faults, rolls, and erosions, which may be encountered in the other seams, calculating 100 tons per acre for each inch in thickness of one of these veins, we have as a result, for one vein of 72 inches covering the acreage above stated, a total of 2,488,320,000 tons. Colfax county holds first place among the coal producing counties of New Mexico, having produced 1,121,824 tons net during the past fiscal year; 64.967 per cent of the total net product of the territory. The coals of Colfax county are all excellent coking coals. The mines of this county are supplied with better transportation facilities than those in other counties of the territory, there being two competing railroads into this section of New Mexico, and two other railroads now under construction.

Colfax county continues to increase the lead it has had over other coal producing counties of New Mexico. During the last fiscal year Colfax county has made a new record, having passed the million ton mark with a gross output of 1,141,491 tons and a net output, shipped from the mines, of 1,121,824 tons, an increase of net product over the preceding fiscal year of 241,437 tons. Colfax county shipped 64.9 per cent of the total net product of the territory.

In addition to the coal shipped from the mines, more than 100,000 tons of coke was produced, and it is certain the production of coke will be increased at least 10 per cent during the ensuing fiscal year.

It can be conservatively estimated that the mines of Colfax county will have an increased production of 50 per cent during the ensuing fiscal year and fully 100 per cent in the following year, when the equipment of the mines now projected and under construction have been completed.

The coal fields of Colfax county embrace the largest undisturbed area of coal lands in North America, and probably the greatest undisturbed coal fields in the world.

These coal seams are of especially great value on account of their excellent coking qualities, the constantly increasing demand for coke assuring a certain market for the production of the mines. The manufacture of coke is an important factor in the profitable operation of these mines, as the slack coal can be washed and utilized at the coke ovens, whereas in mines producing non-coking coal, the hoisting and getting rid of the slack is an item of expense when it cannot be utilized. Ere many years have passed Colfax county will be famous the world over for its wonderfully productive coal mines and large tonnage of coke manufactured, the coke being in great demand at the large smelters at El Paso, Tex., Douglas, Clifton and Globe, Ariz., and Cananea, Nacosari, and many other mining camps in old Mexico. In fact this demand for coke has been so great that orders for hundreds of thousands of tons have been declined because of insufficient equipment to make the necessary production.

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Train No. 1	Distance from Raton	STATION	Train No. 2
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4:00 p.m.	13	Leaves.....CLIFTON HOUSE.....Arrives.....	12:01 p.m.
4:25 p.m.	13	Arrives.....PRESTON.....Leaves.....	11:40 a.m.
4:35 p.m.	20	Leaves.....KOEHLER JUNCTION.....Arrives.....	11:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.	23	Arrives.....KOEHLER.....Leaves.....	11:10 a.m.
5:20 p.m.	23	Leaves.....VERMEJO.....Arrives.....	11:30 a.m.
5:45 p.m.	41	Leaves.....CERRITOSO.....Arrives.....	10:25 a.m.
6:20 p.m.	41	Leaves.....CIMARRON.....Arrives.....	10:15 a.m.
6:45 p.m.	47	Arrives.....	9:55 a.m.
			9:25 a.m.

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